

DEDICATION

R. A. GRAY ARCHIVES, LIBRARY, AND
MUSEUM BUILDING

MAY, 1977

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FLORIDA STATE LIBRARY

The R. A. Gray Archives, Library, and Museum Building was named in honor of the fourteenth Secretary of State of Florida, Robert Andrew Gray.

The Honorable R. A. Gray served in Florida government for 50 years. Born August 2, 1882, in Cairo, Georgia, Mr. Gray attended Florida public schools, South Florida Military College (later consolidated in the University of Florida), and Georgetown University. He earned a law degree from Southern College, Lakeland, and in 1911 served as a Member of the Florida House of Representatives from Gadsden County. Subsequently, he was Assistant State Auditor, Executive Secretary to Governor Park Trammell, Private Secretary to U.S. Senator Trammell, and Assistant State Comptroller before being appointed Secretary of State on April 12, 1930, by Governor Doyle Carlton. He then was elected to seven four-year terms, serving a total of 30 years as Secretary of State.

R. A. Gray turned the first shovelful of earth at the November, 1973 groundbreaking of the building that bears his name. He lived to the age of 93.

EVENT: Dedication of the R. A. Gray
Archives, Library, and Museum Building
DATE: Friday, May 20, 1977
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Plaza in front of the R. A. Gray Archives,
Library, and Museum Building
500 Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida

PROGRAM

Musical Selections

—Florida High School Band,
Developmental Research School, FSU

Flag Raising

—FAMU ROTC Color Guard

Invocation

—Reverend Alfred B. Vaught
District Superintendent
United Methodist Church, Tallahassee

Welcome

—Secretary of State Bruce A. Smathers,
Master of Ceremonies

Greetings

—Governor Reubin O'D. Askew

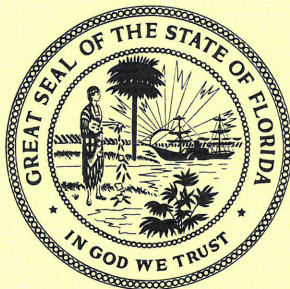
Dedicatory Address

Unveiling of the Plaque

—Governor LeRoy Collins

Benediction

—Rabbi Stanley J. Garfein
Temple Israel, Tallahassee



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